

## Message Text

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDEV RH  
SUBJ: RHODEISA: ZAPU COMMENTS ON UN ROLE IN ELECTIONS AND POWERS  
OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

1. IN AN INTERVIEW ON ZAMBIAN TELEVISION MAY 7, ZAPU  
LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO COMMENTED ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS IN THE RHODESIAN ELECTORAL PROCESS AND ON THE POWERS  
OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER (RC). IN REGARD TO THE RC'S  
RESERVED POWERS, NKOMO REJECTED THE CONCEPT THAT SUCH POWERS  
SHOULD EXTEND TO APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION. HE TOLD HIS INTERVIEWER THAT THE UN IN RHODESIA  
SHOULD HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING THE ELECTORAL  
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PROCESS, RATHER THAN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHOSE IMPARTIALITY  
WAS OPEN TO QUESTION. NKOMO ALSO REITERATED THAT THE PATRIOTIC  
FRONT WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN  
THE FORM OF A CONFERENCE WHICH CONSIDERED "CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES."

2. IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR MAY 5,  
ZAPU LEGAL ADVISOR LEO BARON SAID THAT THE PF DID NOT DESIRE

TO INTERFERE WITH THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S CONDUCT OF HIS  
EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY IN DEFENCE AND LAW AND ORDER, BY INSISTING  
THAT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY SHOULD STILL RESIDE WITH THE GOVERN-  
ING COUNCIL. THE POSSIBLE PROBLEM OF CONFLICTS IN THE EXECUTIVE  
AND LEGISLATIVE REALMS COULD BE DEALT WITH BY CLEARLY DEFINING  
AUTHORITY IN THE TWO AREAS IN THE TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION.  
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